



## Inspection Report

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### 2.31 (a)

#### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31(a) states "The Chief Executive Officer of the research facility shall appoint an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), qualified through the experience and expertise of its members to assess the research facility's animal program, facilities, and procedures. Except as specifically authorized by law or these regulations, nothing in this part shall be deemed to permit the Committee or IACUC to prescribe methods or set standards for the design, performance, or conduct of actual research or experimentation by a research facility."

After the 5-3-07 IACUC meeting, the IACUC Chair retired, and the Attending Veterinarian and the unaffiliated member resigned from the committee. This research facility has not had a duly constituted IACUC since that meeting. The Chief Executive Officer needs to appoint members to the committee, following the membership guidelines in CFR 2.31(b).

To be corrected by 7-14-08.

### 2.31 (c)

#### REPEAT

#### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31(c) states "IACUC Functions. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility, shall:

- (1) Review, at least once every six months, the research facility's program for humane care and use of animals, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation;
- (2) Inspect, at least once every six months, all of the research facility's animal facilities, including animal study areas, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation;
- (3) Prepare reports of its evaluations conducted as required by paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section, and submit

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the reports to the Institutional Official of the research facility; Provided, however, That the IACUC may determine the best means of conducting evaluations of the research facility's programs and facilities; and Provided, further, That no Committee member wishing to participate in any evaluation conducted under this subpart may be excluded. The IACUC may use subcommittees composed of at least two Committee members and may invite ad hoc consultants to assist in conducting the evaluations, however, the IACUC remains responsible for the evaluations and reports as required by the Act and regulations.

The reports shall be reviewed and signed by a majority of the IACUC members and must include any minority views. The reports shall be updated at least once every six months upon completion of the required semiannual evaluations and shall be maintained by the research facility and made available to APHIS and to officials of funding Federal agencies for inspection and copying upon request.

The reports must contain a description of the nature and extent of the research facility's adherence to this subchapter, must identify specifically any departures from the provisions of title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, and must state the reasons for each departure. The reports must distinguish significant deficiencies from minor deficiencies. A significant deficiency is one which, with reference to Subchapter A, and, in the judgment of the IACUC and the Institutional Official, is or may be a threat to the health or safety of the animals. If program or facility deficiencies are noted, the reports must contain a reasonable and specific plan and schedule with dates for correcting each deficiency. Any failure to adhere to the plan and schedule that results in a significant deficiency remaining uncorrected shall be reported in writing within 15 business days by the IACUC, through the Institutional Official, to APHIS and any Federal agency funding that activity.\*

Because no animal use was planned or conducted since the last IACUC meeting on 5-3-08, no IACUC was re-constituted and no IACUC meetings were held in the last year. Even if there is no animal use, the IACUC must still meet at least once every six months for a program review and facility inspection, as long as the research facility maintains their USDA registration.

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